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# STATE OF CALIFORNIA BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AGENCY DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS

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Fidelity Insured Deposits, Inc. 1851 East First Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Santa Ana, CA 92805

Rick Andrew Leon 11400 West Olympic Blvd., #200 Los Angeles, CA 90064

### ORDER STAYING DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER PENDING APPEAL

The Desist and Refrain Order issued to Janet Reiswig, Ronald Reiswig, FEP, Inc., Fidelity Insured Deposits, Inc. and Rick Andrew Leon on July 29, 2004, and the Commissioner's subsequent adoption of the Order of the administrative hearings decision of November 3, 2004, is hereby stayed in order to comply with the Order and Judgment granting a Peremptory Writ of Administrative Mandamus entered on October 25, 2005, by the Orange County Superior Court, Case Number 04CC11740, which held that the Commissioner lacks jurisdiction over the activities

described in the Desist and Refrain Order because they do not involve the offer or sale of a security. The Commissioner will be appealing the Order of the Court granting the writ, and the Commissioner will make further orders on this matter consistent with the outcome of the appeal. The Commissioner has determined that compliance with the Order and Judgment of the Court by staying the Desist and Refrain Order pending the resolution of the appeal is appropriate, in the public interest and consistent with the purposes fairly intended by the policy and provisions of the
California Corporate Securities Law.
Dated: November 14, 2005 Los Angeles, California
WAYNE STRUMPFER Acting California Corporations Commissioner
ByALAN S. WEINGER, Acting Deputy Commissioner Enforcement Division

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### **DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER**

(For violations of sections 25110, 25210 and 25401 of the Corporations Code)

The California Corporations Commissioner finds that:

1. Ronald Edward Reiswig ("Ronald Reiswig") is licensed by the Department of Insurance as a life agent, with the business address 23046 Avenue de la Carlota, Suite 600, Laguna Hills, CA 92653. His insurance license number is 0809297.

2. Janet Sue Reiswig ("Janet Reiswig") is licensed by the Department of Insurance as a life agent, with the business address 2310 Calle Almirante, San Clemente, California 92672. Her insurance license number is 0B87461.

3. FEP, Inc. is a California corporation that was filed on August 25, 1997. Ronald Reiswig is the president and sole owner of FEP, Inc. FEP, Inc. is licensed as an insurance agency by the Department of Insurance, license number 0C15049, and does business under the name Family Estate Insurance Services. FEP, Inc. is required by the Department of Insurance to use the name Family Estate Insurance Services for all insurance business it conducts in California.

4. Fidelity Insured Deposits, Inc. is a California corporation that was filed on August 29, 2000. Ronald E. Reiswig is its president and registered agent for service of process. Its address is 23046 Avenida de la Carlota, Suite 600, Laguna Hills, California 92673.

5. Janet Reiswig, Ronald Reiswig, FEP, Inc. and Fidelity Insured Deposits, Inc. regularly place advertisements in newspapers throughout the state of California under the name "Fidelity Insured Deposits" offering purported "FDIC Insured CDs" with promised yields substantially higher than those being offered by actual FDIC-insured institutions. When interested persons contact the phone numbers listed in the advertisements for information about the CD offer, they are told that they

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need to come to a company office for a meeting in order to obtain details. Once in the company office, persons who respond to an advertisement of Fidelity Insured Deposits, Inc. meet with insurance agents representing FEP, Inc. who urge them to consider an alternative product instead. The alternative product is an annuity offered by FEP, Inc.

- 6. Rick Andrew Leon ("Leon") is licensed by the Department of Insurance as a life agent, with the business address 11400 West Olympic Blvd., #200, Los Angeles, California 90064. His insurance license number is 0D58471. He is authorized to transact insurance business on behalf of FEP, Inc. Paul Grewal ("Grewal") is also licensed by the Department of Insurance as a life agent, with the business address 23046 Avenida de la Carlota, Laguna Hills, California 92653. His insurance license number is 0D97540. He is also authorized to transact insurance business on behalf of FEP, Inc. Donald Anthony Fracchia ("Fracchia") is licensed by the Department of Insurance as a life agent, with the business address 364 Muirfield Drive, Palm Desert, California 92211. Leon, Grewal and Fracchia meet with persons who respond to the advertisements placed in the name of Fidelity Insured Deposits, Inc. in an effort to induce the respondents to the advertisements to buy annuities.
- 7. Fidelity Insured Deposits, Inc. is not an FDIC-insured institution and has no ability to provide FDIC-insured certificates of deposit (CDs). It is nothing more than a marketing device whose sole purpose and function is the placement of CD advertisements to attract potential annuity purchasers to FEP, Inc. Ronald Reiswig is personally responsible for the language in the advertisements of Fidelity Insured Deposits, Inc..
- 8. When a person meets with an insurance agent representing FEP, Inc. and insists on receiving the CD advertised in the newspaper rather than an annuity, the agent representing FEP, Inc. refers the person to a real FDIC-insured institution to open a legitimate CD account with a yield substantially lower than the yield listed in the advertisement of Fidelity Insured Deposits, Inc.. Fidelity Insured Deposits, Inc. then issues a so-called "bonus check" to the person for an amount

representing the difference between the actual yield of the legitimate FDIC-insured CD and the false rate advertised by Fidelity Insured Deposits, Inc.. The bonus checks are signed by Ronald Reiswig. The transactions are sometimes evidenced by a one-page "Bonus Application" which is a form provided by Fidelity Insured Deposits, Inc. to be filled out by the person seeking the CD. In the 'Bonus Application" Fidelity Insured Deposits, Inc. represents that:

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Upon applicant's qualification, Fidelity Insured Deposits, Inc., Inc. (the Company) hereby agrees to pay to the below-identified applicant a Bonus in the amount stated herein within 7 working days of below-identified due date.

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9. Fidelity Insured Deposits, Inc. does not have and never has had any source of business revenue. The bonus money it pays out is all provided to it by FEP, Inc.

10. In early June of 2004 Leon met with a member of the public who responded to one of the CD advertisements of Fidelity Insured Deposits, Inc.. Instead of providing information about the CD offer, Leon attempted to interest the ad respondent in a Confidence Flex 85 annuity of National Western Life Insurance Company. Leon told the member of the public that the CD advertisements was used as a "loss leader" to get people through the door in order to sell them other products.

11. The investment that is being offered by means of the advertisements in the name of Fidelity Insured Deposits, Inc., consisting of an FDIC-insured CD plus a "bonus" funded by FEP, Inc. constitutes a security in the form of an investment contract. The Department of Corporations has not issued a permit or other form of qualification authorizing any person to offer and sell these securities in this state.

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12. Ronald Reiswig, Janet Reiswig, FEP, Inc., Fidelity Insured Deposits, Inc. and their agents including Leon, Grewal and Fracchia are offering and selling the investment contracts by means of written and oral communications which include untrue statements of material fact and which omit to

state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The advertisements of Fidelity Insured Deposits, Inc. and the oral communications made in connection with those advertisements represent that Fidelity Insured Deposits, Inc. is an FDIC-insured institution or that it is affiliated with an FDIC-insured institution when in fact it is neither. They indicate that the yield rates appearing in the advertisements of Fidelity Insured Deposits, Inc. are FDIC-insured when they are not. They conceal the fact that the CD offer is a mere ruse to sell annuities and that the "bonus" money which comprises a substantial portion of the promised CD yield is being paid by an insurance agency. On some occasions persons who respond to advertisements of Fidelity Insured Deposits, Inc. are even sold annuities in the belief that they are purchasing an FDIC-insured CD.

Based upon the foregoing findings, the California Corporations Commissioner is of the opinion that Ronald Edward Reiswig, Janet Sue Reiswig, FEP, Inc. doing business as Family Estate Insurance Services, Fidelity Insured Deposits, Inc., Rick Andrew Leon, Paul Grewal and Donald Anthony Fracchia are engaged in the offer and sale of securities in the form of investment contracts consisting of FDIC-insured CDs which are bundled with "bonus" payments by Fidelity Insured Deposits, Inc.. Those securities are being offered by unlicensed persons in transactions that have not been qualified under the California Corporate Securities Law of 1968, in violation of section 25110 of the Corporations Code. Pursuant to section 25532 of the Corporate Securities Law of 1968, Ronald Edward Reiswig, Janet Sue Reiswig, FEP, Inc. doing business as Family Estate Insurance Services, Fidelity Insured Deposits, Inc., Rick Andrew Leon, Paul Grewal and Donald Anthony Fracchia are hereby ordered to desist and refrain from the further offer or sale in the State of California of the securities unless and until qualification has been made under the law.

The California Corporations Commissioner is further of the opinion that Ronald Edward Reiswig, Janet Sue Reiswig, FEP, Inc. doing business as Family Estate Insurance Services, Fidelity Insured Deposits, Inc., Rick Andrew Leon, Paul Grewal and Donald Anthony Fracchia are offering and selling securities in the form of investment contracts by means of written and oral

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communications including untrue statements of material fact and omission of material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, in violation of section 25401 of the Corporations Code. Pursuant to section 25532 of the Corporate Securities Law of 1968, Ronald Edward Reiswig, Janet Sue Reiswig, FEP, Inc. doing business as Family Estate Insurance Services, Fidelity Insured Deposits, Inc., Rick Andrew Leon, Paul Grewal and Donald Anthony Fracchia are hereby ordered to desist and refrain from offering or selling or buying or offering to buy any security in the State of California, including but not limited to the investment contracts consisting of FDIC-insured CDs which are bundled with "bonus" payments by Fidelity Insured Deposits, Inc., by means of any written or oral communication which includes an untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

In addition, the California Corporations Commissioner is of the opinion that Rick Andrew Leon, Paul Grewal and Donald Anthony Fracchia have effected and are effecting transactions in securities as broker-dealers without having first applied for and secured from the Commissioner a certificate authorizing them to do so, in violation of section 25210 of the Corporate Securities Law of 1968. Pursuant to section 25532 of the Corporate Securities Law of 1968, Rick Andrew Leon, Paul Grewal and Donald Anthony Fracchia are hereby ordered to desist and refrain from effecting any transaction in, or inducing or attempting to induce the purchase or sale of, any security in this state, unless and until they have applied for and secured from the Commissioner a certificate authorizing them to act in that capacity.

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This Order is necessary, in the public interest, for the protection of investors and consistent with the purposes, policies, and provisions of the Corporate Securities Law of 1968.

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Dated: July 29, 2004 Sacramento, California

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